

REMARKS

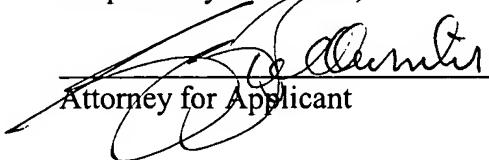
Claims 1 – 6 were pending prior to the Office Action to which this amendment responds.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 stand rejected on prior art, while claims 3, 5 and 6 stand objected to as being depended upon a rejected base claim. However, the latter were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As suggested by the Examiner, by this amendment claims 3, 5 and 6 have been rewritten to incorporate all the limitations of former claim 1 and also the limitations of any intervening claims. Specifically, new claim 7 contains the substance of former claim 1 with the substance of former claim 3 incorporated as sub-paragraph (e); new claim 8, depending from new claim 7, contains the substance of former claim 5; and new claim 9, depending from new claim 8, contains the substance of former claim 6. Additionally, the informality of wording in former claim 1 (“the interior” being without proper antecedent basis) has been corrected in new claim 7.

Applicants therefore believe that each of the Examiner’s points have been met, and that the new claims 7 – 9 inclusive express patentable subject matter. The Examiner’s favorable consideration, followed by a Notice of Allowability, is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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